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Re: Microsoft Case

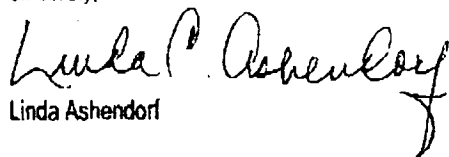
Dear Attorney Hesse:

As a business owner and consumer, I am writing in support of the proposed settlement in the U.S. v. Microsoft case. The agreement to the three-year-old antitrust suit is a compromise that contains rules and regulations on how Microsoft will develop and license software. At the same time it allows Microsoft to continue efforts to develop new software that will benefit consumers.

Computer manufacturers will have the flexibility to configure Windows so non-Microsoft programs can be integrated into the set up and have the ability to remove certain Windows features such as the Internet Explorer and replace it with another web browser. Microsoft has also agreed to provide a uniform price list to the 20 largest manufacturing computer makers.

This settlement reaches a middle ground for both sides and will ultimately benefit consumers, the technology industry and the economy. It is time to end the litigation and promote opportunities to get our economy and technology industry moving again.

Sincerely,

  
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